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Re: Application of Yoshiharu SASAKI and Toshiharu TANAKA  
IMAGE RECORDING METHOD AND IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS  
**Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q54770

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/337,667 (Confirmation No. 9266) filed on June 22, 1999, of Yoshiharu SASAKI and Toshiharu TANAKA entitled IMAGE RECORDING METHOD AND IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2861.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on January 14, 2002, under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Japan          | Hei. 10-184721        | June 30, 1998      |

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/337,667.

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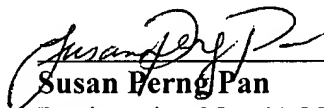
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A check for the statutory fee of \$1,110.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT APPLICATION

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Image application of

Yoshiharu SASAKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/337,667

Group Art Unit: 2861

Confirmation No.: 9266

Examiner: D. Yockey

Filed: June 22, 1999

For: IMAGE RECORDING METHOD AND IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

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- 1 (Three Times Amended) An image recording method comprising the steps of:
- a) attaching recording paper to an outer peripheral surface of a recording drum;
  - b) attaching an image receiving sheet having an image receiving layer and a substrate, onto a surface of the recording paper to adhere the image receiving layer on a surface of at least a whole of recording region of the recording paper;
  - c) separating the substrate such that only the image receiving layer is transferred onto the recording paper;